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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, AR

SUBJECT:REPORTED SECRET DETENTION CENTERS

1. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HAS PROVIDED DEPARTMENT WITH LIST  
OF REPORTED SECRET DETENTION CENTERS IN ARGENTINA WHICH WAS  
GIVEN TO AI RECENTLY BY CONTACTS IN ARGENTINA. THE LIST  
READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE

A. POZO DE ARANA: NEAR LA PLATA. THE AREA WAS EXCAVATED TO  
BUILD A REGIMENTAL BASE BUT WORK WAS NEVER COMPLETED. IT  
IS A MILITARY ZONE. IT IS NOT NECESSARILY A PERMANENT CAMP.

B. EZEIZA: THERE ARE TWO CAMPS HERE:

(1) CUARTEL DE LA POLICIA MONTADA DE BUENOS AIRES--LOCATED  
BEHIND THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION BUILDING. THERE ARE A  
NUMBER OF ISOLATED, LARGE BUILDINGS.

(2) A BARRACKS NEAR THE ROADS GENERAL PAZ/BALLESTER ON RUTA  
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3 IN BUENOS AIRES CITY. THE BARRACKS HOUSES VERY FEW  
SOLDIERS BUT IS VERY HEAVILY GUARDED; IT HAS MANY ISOLATED  
HANGARS.

C. BRIGADA DE LA POLICIA DE BUENOS AIRES: IN SAN JUSTO,  
LA MATANZA.

D. JUNIN, PROVINCE OF BUENOS AIRES. A MILITARY INSTALLATION WHICH WAS TO BE A BARRACKS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE DETAINED HERE PERMANENTLY. THE BUILDING LOOKS LIKE A PRISON.

E. SANTA ROSA, CAPITAL OF LA PAMPA PROVINCE. THERE IS BELIEVED TO BE A LARGE CAMP HERE.

F. BASE NAVAL DE PUERTO BELGRANO PLUS NAVY BUILDINGS ALL ALONG THE COAST FROM BAHIA BLANCA TO NECOCHEA.

G. CAMP DE MAYO BARRACKS IN BUENOS AIRES. A LARGE AND PERMANENT CAMP.

H. CORDOBA: LA PERLA MILITARY CAMP. IT HAS A FURNACE TO BURN BODIES.

I. TO THE EAST AND NORTH OF CORDOBA NEAR LA RIOJA RELEASED PRISONERS CLAIM THAT THERE IS A LARGE CAMP NEAR MOUNTAINS WHERE THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF PRISONERS. FOOD IS DELIVERED BY HELICOPTERS.

J. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS THAT SOME ESTANCIAS (CATTLE RANCHES) IN THE PROVINCE OF BUENOS AIRES ARE USED AS PERMANENT, UNOFFICIAL DETENTION CENTERS. END QUOTE.

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2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY MAY HAVE WHICH COULD VERIFY OR SUBSTANTIATE THE EXISTENCE OF THESE ALLEGED CAMPS. CHRISTOPHER

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